

LIFEGUARD (SEASONAL)

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Safeguards the lives and well being of all patrons of a municipal swimming pool; performs related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under direct supervision, an employee in this class is responsible for the safety of all patrons while they are using the facility, whether in the water, or on the pool decks or any adjoining areas including locker rooms and entrance ways to the pools. Duties are performed with strict adherence to established safety rules and regulations. Laxity or poor judgment can result in personal injury or loss of life. Therefore, the greatest consideration of a lifeguard on duty is consequence of error.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK:

- Participates in any and all pre-season and/or ongoing in-service training sessions/drills conducted by designated Instructors and/or by Head Lifeguards.
- Provides close supervision over all swimmers while on duty in assigned lifeguard chair (tower), or while on foot patrol of pool decks, or while patrolling wading pools.
- Patrols pool decks and adjoining areas, including locker rooms and entrance ways to pools, inspecting for safety hazards and cleanliness.
- Rescues swimmers in danger of drowning.
- Administers first aid, artificial respiration or CPR as needed.
- Keeps order and enforces rules and regulations when patrols fail to observe them.
- Inspects lifesaving and first aid equipment daily.
- Checks and knows daily rotation schedule, and remains at assigned post until relieved.
- Helps keep pools facilities clean and well kempt by removing all litter and debris whenever possible.
- Teaches swimming lessons and assists when other aquatic programs are scheduled at facility.
- If necessary tests chlorine/bromine per State Health Dept. codes in cooperation with Parks Personnel.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Good knowledge of water rescue methods, CPR resuscitation and first aid techniques; Good knowledge of rules and regulations as they apply to public swimming areas; Ability to identify potentially dangerous situations and prevent them from arising; Ability to recognize emergency situations and to take immediate, effective action; Ability to enforce facility rules and regulations with firmness and tact; Skill in swimming, lifesaving and administering first aid and CPR; Ability to provide swimming instruction when duties involve teaching; Possess physical strength and agility; be mentally alert; Some knowledge of pool operation and maintenance.

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- a) Minimum age of 17 years; preference given to candidates 18 years of age and older.
- b) Submission of a current Doctor's certification that candidate is physically capable of performing duties of Lifeguard (medical standards and examination forms provided by city).
- c) Possession of a current American Red Cross or equivalent Lifeguard Training Certificate.
- d) Completion of American Red Cross CPR: Basic Life Support for the Professional Rescuer or equivalent and Standard First Aid courses; Possession of current Certificates for each.

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